

1916 GRADY COUNTY FAIR ENDS TODAY

Record Breaking Crowds and Best Exhibits Makes This Year's Free Fair Best in County's History

MANY INTERESTING FEATURES NOTED

One of Most Creditable Affairs in History of County Draws to Close With Attractions Still Open

With a record attendance and a plane of excellence seldom attained by county events, the Grady County Free Fair closed its second annual show tonight. Not since the opening day has interest flagged nor has the attendance dropped off at any time, the crowds lingering until long after sundown in their inspection of the splendid exhibits.

Excitement at "Bantle" Coops.

One of the liveliest parts of the grounds this year was the poultry department at the time of the distribution of the premiums. W. W. Rossinger, superintendent of that department, believes that every boy in Chickasha had bantams on exhibit but as the records show that only 100 of these game little birds were entered his guess is a little bit wild. But he that as it may it seemed that few boys stayed at home about the time the awards were handed out and the boys went wild with excitement as the judges approached with each successive blue or red ribbon. The most youthful exhibitor was not the least demonstrative. He was R. M. Sperry, the three-year-old grandson of Superintendent Rossinger, and he insisted upon detaching the blue ribbon from the coop in which his prize hen was housed and placing it on his little dress.

"The birds at this show were much better than those which were exhibited here a year ago. The Plymouth Rocks, especially, were far superior to those of last year and the magnificent display of Leghorns was better than was ever shown here before. Plenty of interest was manifested both by the exhibitors and the general public."

Some Beautiful Quilts.

Naturally enough most of the ladies who visited the fair paid special attention to the display of quilts, better than which it would be hard to find in any collection. Especially meritorious and which was awarded the blue ribbon was that shown by Mrs. Van Fossen, residing at 1223 Colorado avenue, which created quite a sensation. It was appliqued work with a wild rose pattern of so superior workmanship that it easily won first honor among many handsome competitors. Mrs. Van Fossen is over seventy years old.

Another lovely specimen in this department was that of Mrs. E. C. Peary consisting of a crocheted and embroidered luncheon cloth and several pieces which took first prize in their class.

An oddity which attracted the curious was the silk crazy quilt entered by Mrs. C. C. Parris of Tuttle which was started in 1900 and has only recently been completed. This contains the names of many American notables, presidents and prominent persons of Chickasha.

In this section of the textile department the children's contributions were odd and beautiful. Though all children between the ages of ten and sixteen years are eligible no exhibitor was over fourteen. A doll set, by an eight-year-old lass, handwork, and consisting of gown and cap crocheted, was one of the most admired pieces of work in the building.

Rebecca Williams, aged ten, and Gladys Heckel of Chickasha, aged ten, won recognition with their embroidery work, while Leonard Good, aged six, gained fame by exhibiting a cross-stitched sampler.

Mrs. W. E. Estes, who is over 80, exhibited a piece of beautiful work in knitting, being a pair of old time mittens of unusual design which won a prize.

Gets 24 Blue Ribbons.

Perhaps the biggest prize winner at the fair this year was Mrs. B. B. Bridge,

SHOULD GET 1ST MONEY STATE FAIR

Federal Agricultural Experts Say Township Exhibits Best He Has Ever Seen in Oklahoma

MAGNIFICENT IS AGRICULTURAL SHOW

F. F. Ferguson Has Judged Eight County Fairs in Oklahoma This Year but None Approaches Grady

Highly complimentary to President W. E. Smith of the Fair association and to O. C. Cooper, manager of the Fair Bureau, was the judgment of the federal expert, F. F. Ferguson, district agent of the department of agriculture, who judged the agricultural sections of the fair.

"I have judged seven or eight agricultural exhibits at the county fairs in Oklahoma this year," he said today, "but I have not so far seen any agricultural display in the state that has approached this one at the Grady County Free Fair. In fact it is the best by all odds."

"The township booths were positively the best I have ever seen in the state of Oklahoma. Being a resident of Minco I was not eligible to judge the township displays but it was a loss-up as to which was superior. The judging of these was a very difficult proposition, they were so nearly equal. I believe we have the best chance that we have ever had to pull down first money at the state fair in Oklahoma City with our township displays and again I would congratulate the men who were responsible for the magnificent showing which has been made."

Tuttle township display was awarded the first prize.

ARRANGE TO REMODEL THE EARLY

Contract Let for Extensive Improvement of Popular Hotel and Another Story May Be Added

J. J. Moon and S. A. Touchton of Galveston, Tex., owners of the Early hotel building, left this morning for home after letting the contract for the remodeling of the entire building to Architect L. P. Larson. They had been in the city since Tuesday conferring with Mr. Larson.

Work will start the first of the week on the improvements which will make the hotel one of the most modern and up-to-date in the state. Cement floors will be put in the basement which will be enlarged for more commodious sample rooms. The first floor will be concreted where it is not already so constructed.

Every room in the building will be provided with hot and cold water and steam heat and the latter will call for enlarging the heating system. The contract also calls for nine new private baths.

It was also stated upon good authority that another story would probably be added to the hotel, although the contract for the work has not yet been let.

es, who, in the culinary department, carried off twenty-four blue ribbons on her excellent preparations.

Educational Victories. Party pride was as nothing compared with the school pride which was manifested when the loving cups were awarded in the educational department. Four beautiful silver cups were won by the following schools: One room school to Freeman, two room school to Union Hill, village school to Minco and city school to the west building.

FIND BOOZE JOINT ON CHIX. AVE.

Important Raid Made by U. S. Deputies Dillon and Worley on Restaurant in Business Section

A bootlegging joint conducted in the heart of the city was uncovered this morning by Deputy U. S. Marshal Jim Dillon and Dick Worley by the merest chance. Deputy Dillon had gone to the Rock Island station to meet his fellow officer who was on the way to Duncan. Coming up from the station they saw a man enter the small restaurant and order joint conducted by A. C. French on the east side of Sol's building opposite to the Speake hotel on Chickasha avenue. This aroused the suspicion of the two men and Dillon suggested a raid and made a run on it, surprising the inmates. Immediately on entering the building the officers were assured by French that he had no weapons on the premises and a search of his person revealed nothing. A minute inspection of the premises, however, revealed the presence of two loaded six-shooters lying near the bed which the raiders took charge of. Uncovering a hole in the floor twenty-two quarts of whiskey were found. Both man and whiskey were seized and French was lodged in jail. Then Worley returned to his train.

Returning to the place later in company with Officer Jack Marshall, Deputy Dillon with a crowbar tore up the floor and sixteen more quarts of whiskey and a number of empty bottles furnished additional evidence against French. About that time County Attorney Venable and Deputy Sheriff Bob Castleman happened along and ordered the place closed. Two women, claiming to be cousins of French, were found and promised to leave town to avoid arrest.

A raid was subsequently made on the home of French on South Fourth street but nothing was found on the grounds.

LEFT PULPIT NOW FACES MUSKOGEE

Holiness Preacher Goes Into Automobile Business and is Arrested on Charge of Introducing

Noah Williford, formerly a Holiness preacher, has been brought into Chickasha for the second time in the custody of officers of the law in connection with liquor charges. He is an agent for the Chevrolet automobile in Stephens county but was recently brought into Chickasha from Rush Springs by a deputy sheriff charged with unlawful possession, on which charge he gave bond. He was accompanied then as on this occasion by William Browder, whom both allege was only accompanying Williford and was in no way responsible for or connected with his alleged acts in the whiskey line.

The two men were brought in last night by Deputy United States Marshal Dick Worley of Duncan on the charge of introducing liquor into the eastern district of Oklahoma formerly the Indian Territory, and were released later on bonds of \$500 in each case.

A CROWDED DOCKET

Judge Will Linn, who has been conducting district court at Anadarko, will arrive this evening to spend the week end in Chickasha. Judge Linn found a crowded docket there which will consume five weeks.

GOOD ROADS MEET

An enthusiastic crowd is in attendance at the city hall this afternoon where the good roads proposition is being discussed by spirited boosters. Many outside delegates are present.

CASTS BIG BOQUETS AT FAIR ASS'N

President Smith Says Grady County Outdid Herself in Arrangement of Best Fair on Record

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE INADEQUATE

Could Have Used 300 Instead of 140 Stalls and Permanent Stalls are Necessary

Highly gratified with the unprecedented success of the 1916 Grady County Free Fair and filled with plans and ambitions for the future, President W. E. Smith gave voice to his views and sentiments today after the fair had been unanimously pronounced to be an unqualified success. Not only praise due for the intelligent and diligent labors of his co-workers but a timely criticism on the one weak spot of the great event prompted his observations.

"This undoubtedly has in many respects been the greatest and most successful fair ever held in Grady county. Not having been in the presidency but a few days I cannot take to myself any credit for its excellence which is due entirely to the efforts of the other members of the board and to O. C. Cooper, county demonstrator. As president of the association I desire to extend my thanks to all those who labored for the success which it has achieved and to the exhibitors who have uncomplainingly put up with any inconveniences which might have been suffered by them due to inadequate accommodations."

"And in passing I wish to say that if Chickasha and Grady county would avail themselves of the golden opportunity which is before them of making Grady county fairs events which people will come miles to see, some improvements must be made. In the first place we must provide for adequate accommodations for live stock exhibits. The entries this year were the best ever seen in Chickasha and some of the live stock was as fine as will be shown at any fair in Oklahoma. We had only 140 stalls and could have used 300. Exhibitors demand quality when it comes to showing off their prize cattle and horses and other good stock and are not content with the big tops. They require permanent stalls and these will have to be provided if Chickasha hopes to get the best in the future. Under conditions prevailing this year many of the stockmen had to sit up all night watching their animals to prevent them from tearing down barns and demolishing petitions. This would all be avoided by the erection of permanent stalls. Everybody was in the best of humor, however, and beds were shared by those who had provided them with those who did not anticipate the necessity for bringing them to the grounds."

The session adjourned to meet at Oklahoma City during the state fair.

ESCAPED PRISONER CAPTURED

Suspicious Offer of Pair of Shoes for Sale Leads to Important Capture by City Police

Because an up-to-the-minute No. 5 shoe would not fit his natural No. 11, Sam Rogers, a negro, was arrested after a three hour sweat confessed that he had not bought the shoes in Kansas City as he had at first declared but had secured them from his pal who proved to be an escaped jailbird from Enid.

Rogers was caught by the police force while trying to dispose of a pair of shoes. The next day, as the result of a confession wrung from him by police officers, his pal was arrested at the room in the lodging house designated by the shoe vendor. The second negro, Andrew McDonald, had in his room three grips of clothing too fine and expensive for a working negro to buy. Men and baggage were transported to jail on arrival yesterday of a deputy sheriff from Enid it was learned that McDonald had broken jail, where he was confined on a bootlegging charge and is suspected of having robbed a clothing merchant before leaving that city.

One of the lost articles was a rain coat and the negro had one of the best makes, besides several suits of clothes, underwear, shoes and other wearing apparel. Both men were returned to Enid.

Cancels Engagements.

By United Press. Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 16.—President Wilson cancelled all engagements for Monday and Tuesday, following the receipt of news of his sister's death. He has asked Secretary Baker to speak for him at St. Louis September 20.

WOMEN IN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION

Work Done by Various Clubs Reviewed at Session of Federation of Farm Women

A very interesting and instructive session of the Federation of Farm Women's clubs was held at the Grady county fair yesterday afternoon at which there was a large and very appreciative attendance.

A most interesting program was opened at 2 o'clock when the meeting was called to order and Mrs. Sacra of Minco addressed the convention. Mrs. Crouch, president of the Farmer Women's Clubs of Oklahoma, followed.

Then came what was considered the most important part of the session when Mrs. Martin Coryell outlined the work that was done by Grady county women and girls during her term as woman demonstrator. Her remarks were forceful and her recommendations challenged the closest attention of the women. After the convention many expressions complimentary to her were uttered. Delegates to the convention reiterated their former offers of support for her reappointment to that office, emphasizing the importance of that branch of the work in Grady county.

President Austin of the Oklahoma College for Women, Jonas Cook and J. W. Kayser made addresses which were instructive and timely and from which the congress received many benefits.

Mrs. Harness, who was to have made the opening address but whose arrival was delayed through a misunderstanding, then spoke and was followed by a representative of the school at Stillwater who informed the meeting on the progress of farm demonstration work which is being performed by women and of the work in the advancement in the culinary department.

The club made a very flattering report of work done, showing the percentage of progress which has been made by boys and girls clubs and also by women's clubs and complimenting them on the splendid exhibits which were made at the Grady county fair.

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UNIONS SAY HE WOULD CRUSH 'EM

Union Labor in New York Arrayed in Bitter Fight Against J. P. Morgan and His Interests

75,000 NEW STRIKERS ADDED

Walkout in Sympathetic Strike in New York Begins With 20,000 Longshoremen and 25,000 Machinists

By United Press. New York, Sept. 16.—The Central Federated union today submitted to the individual unions recommendations for a sympathetic strike and boycott of the subway and elevated car lines.

The resolution presented recommends as a preliminary to a general strike that longshoremen, boatmen, teamsters, engineers, firemen and plumbers whose labor is keeping the cars running stop work immediately.

Using the argument that Morgan interests are determined to crush unionism, six trade unions have already authorized their leaders to call strikes at their discretion, according to reports.

The police report thirty-seven persons injured and one killed on traction lines affected during the past twenty-four hours through the inexperience of strike-breaking crews.

75,000 Walk out.

By United Press.

New York, Sept. 16.—The sympathetic strike which union leaders declare will result in 75,000 workers leaving their posts to support the striking traction employees became effective before noon today.

Twenty thousand longshoremen were the first to respond to the call and 25,000 machinists are expected to follow before night. By the end of next week, unless there is a change in the traction situation, union leaders assert, thousands of others will be out. Several cars were stoned in Broadway riots today and the announcement of the sympathetic strike was followed by minor disorders in many parts of the city.

TWO FARMS SELL FOR \$39,500.00

Charley Good Farm Brings \$32,500, Bought by Oklahoma City Man as Investment

The 500 acre farm in the Washita bottom one mile south of Bradley, owned by A. E. Comes, brought \$32,500 cash when sold to George A. Todd of Oklahoma City yesterday. The land is known to many as the Charley Good farm. Mr. Todd bought the land as an investment, the deal being made by Major Brothers.

Another big sale made by the same firm this week was 150 acres 7 miles east of the city sold by T. A. Johnson of Paris, Texas, to John G. Weaver of Chickasha. The consideration was \$7,000.

THE BATTLE-CRY OF PEACE AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The recent moving picture show at the Sugg theater, the "Battle Cry of Peace," or the European war and America's future, will be the theme of Sunday night's sermon at the Epworth Methodist church, by Dr. Lawrence L. Cohen, Jr. In speaking to a reporter he said: "I will review the causes that led up to the war, speak of the democracy of America, and outline the future of our country. I am anxious that every man, especially those who believe in America, hear this discourse."

BRITONS FORGE WAY TO FRONT

Violent Fighting Places British Army in Possession of New Strongholds in France

ITALIANS HAVE AUSTRIANS GOING

Now on the Offensive Along Entire Isonzo Front, Penetrating First Lines at Several Points

By United Press. London, Sept. 16.—The British center has been thrust forward to a point five hundred yards north of the Fourreaux woods, in a violent battle which is raging north of the Somme.

The whole of the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Fleres are now firmly in British hands. Twenty-eight hundred Germans have been captured during the first twenty-four hours of the renewed offensive.

Italians Are Gaining.

By United Press.

Rome, Sept. 16.—The Italians are on the offensive along the entire Isonzo front and have penetrated the Austrian first lines at several points. The Austrian losses the past two days have exceeded ten thousand.

Naval Forces Engaged.

By United Press.

London, Sept. 16.—The Russian and German naval forces have been engaged in the Gulf of Bothnia, according to a dispatch from Stockholm to the Morning Post.

Heavy firing was heard north of Alandstand but a heavy fog prevented the result of the fighting from being observed.

German Statement.

By United Press.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—The war office today admitted British gains north of the Somme.

Trying to Check British.

By United Press.

London, Sept. 16.—According to reports received this morning, the Germans are throwing large forces of reserves against the British north of the Somme in an effort to check the advance of Gen. Haig's army.

Serbs Driving Bulgars.

By United Press.

Saloniki, Sept. 16.—The Serbs are driving the Bulgars in disorderly retreat toward the Serb-Greek frontier in the direction of the Serbian town of Monastir.

War Party Winning.

By United Press.

London, Sept. 16.—Finally declining to reform the Greek cabinet, the former premier has suggested to King Constantine that Venizelos, leader of the pro-war party, be invited to head a new ministry, according to an Athens dispatch to the Evening Star.

CALL FOR BANK REPORTS

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The comptroller of the currency issued a call today for reports showing the condition of national banks at the close of business September 12.

BRIEF OFFICIAL VISIT

By United Press.

Colonel Dick Worley, deputy United States marshal after disposing of two federal prisoners here, left this morning for Rush Springs where he will subpoena witnesses in a case which will come up before U. S. Commissioner Hamilton on the 25th.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Sunday, fair;

warm.

Local Temperature.

Maximum, 75; minimum, 42.
